

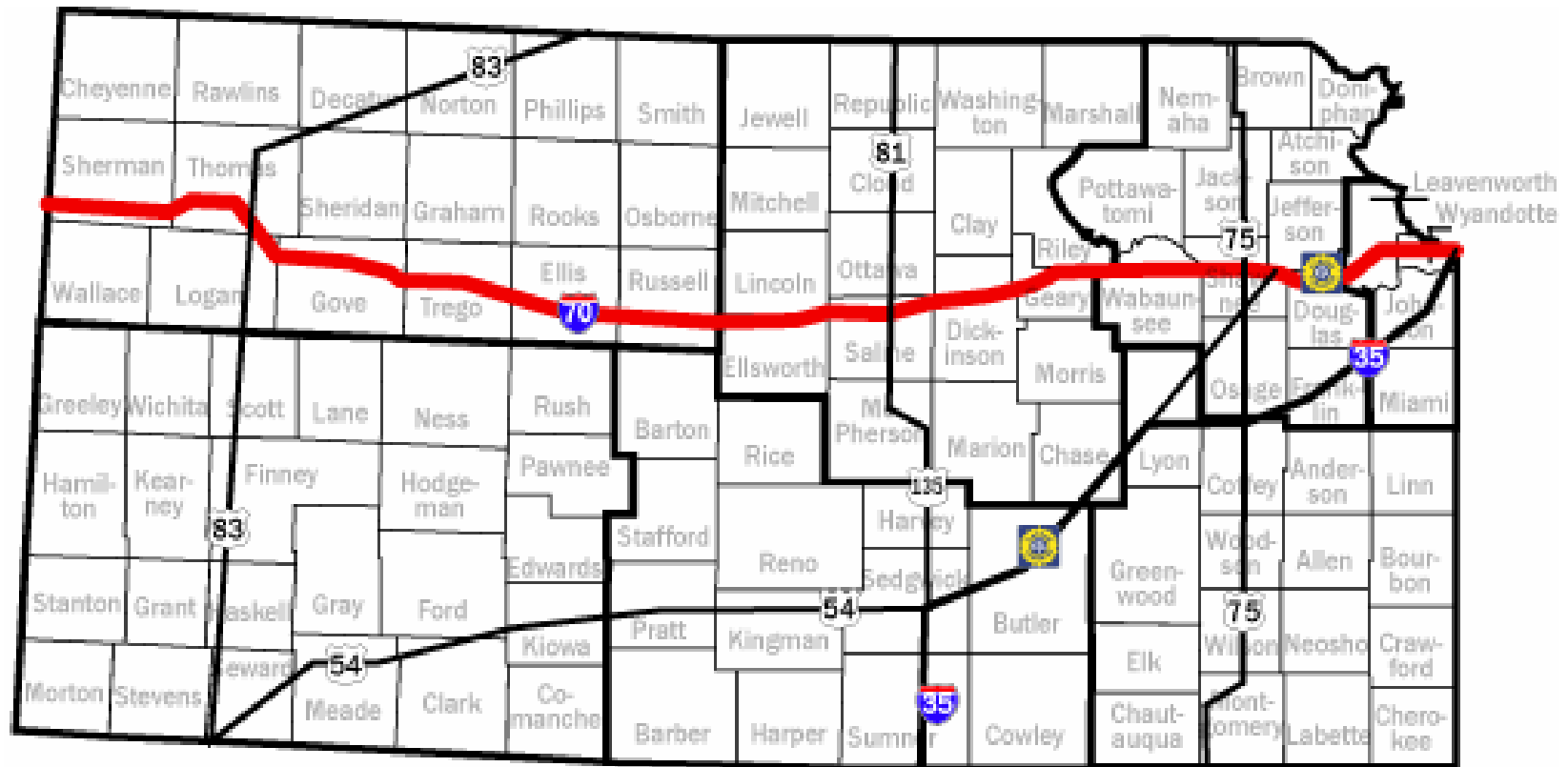
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Colonel William Seck

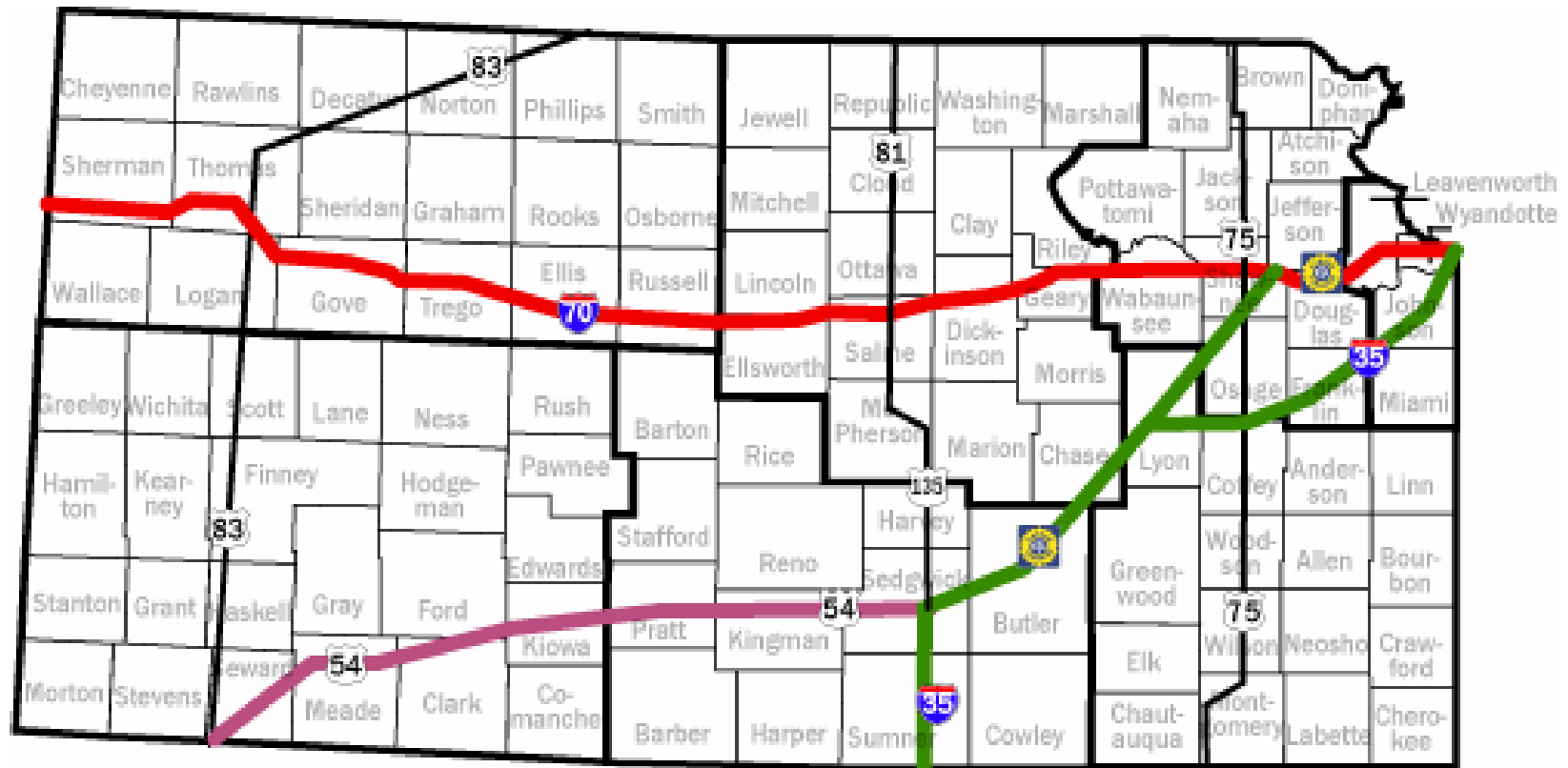
**Kansas Task Force on Methamphetamine
and Illegal Drugs**



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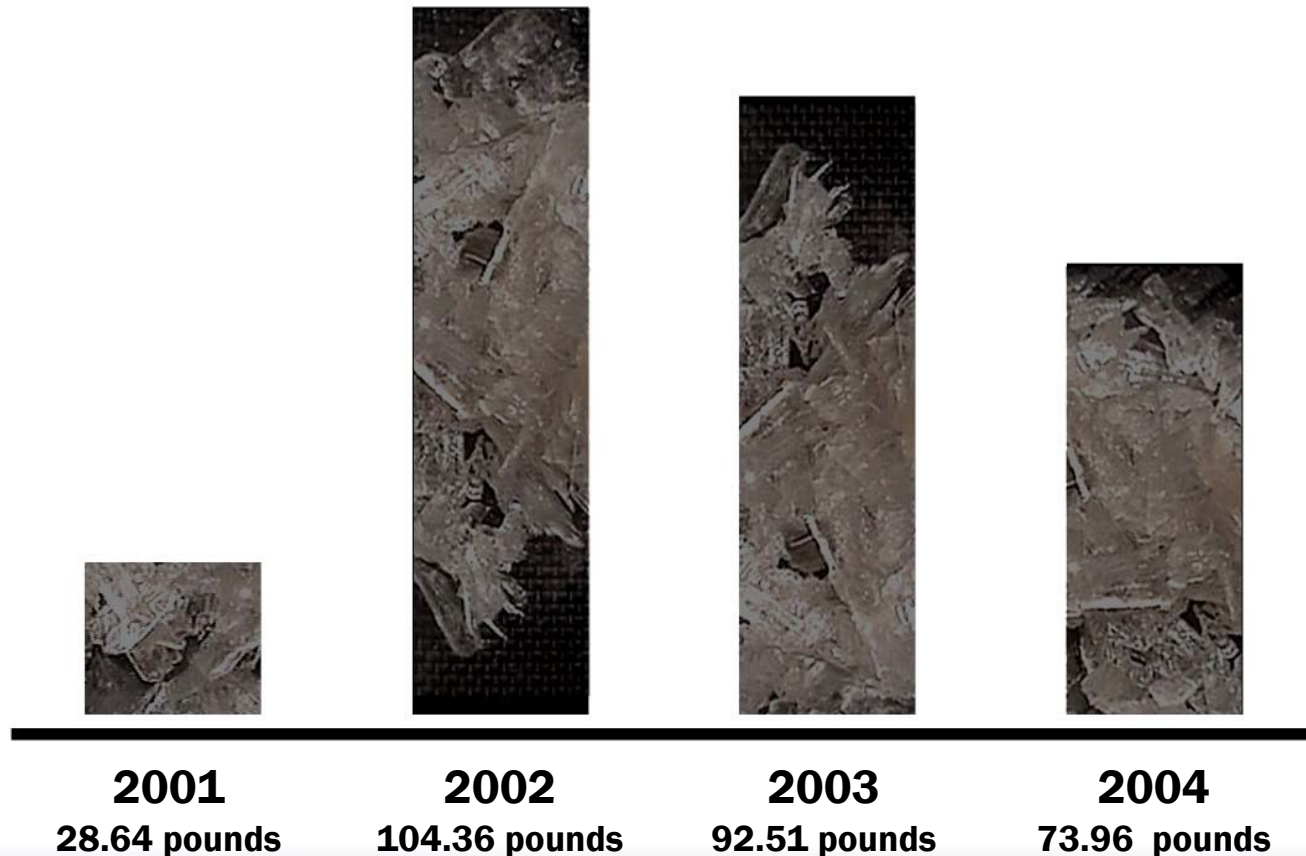


**So far in
2005**

**The Kansas Highway Patrol
has seized
98.32 pounds of Meth**

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KHP METH INTERDICTION



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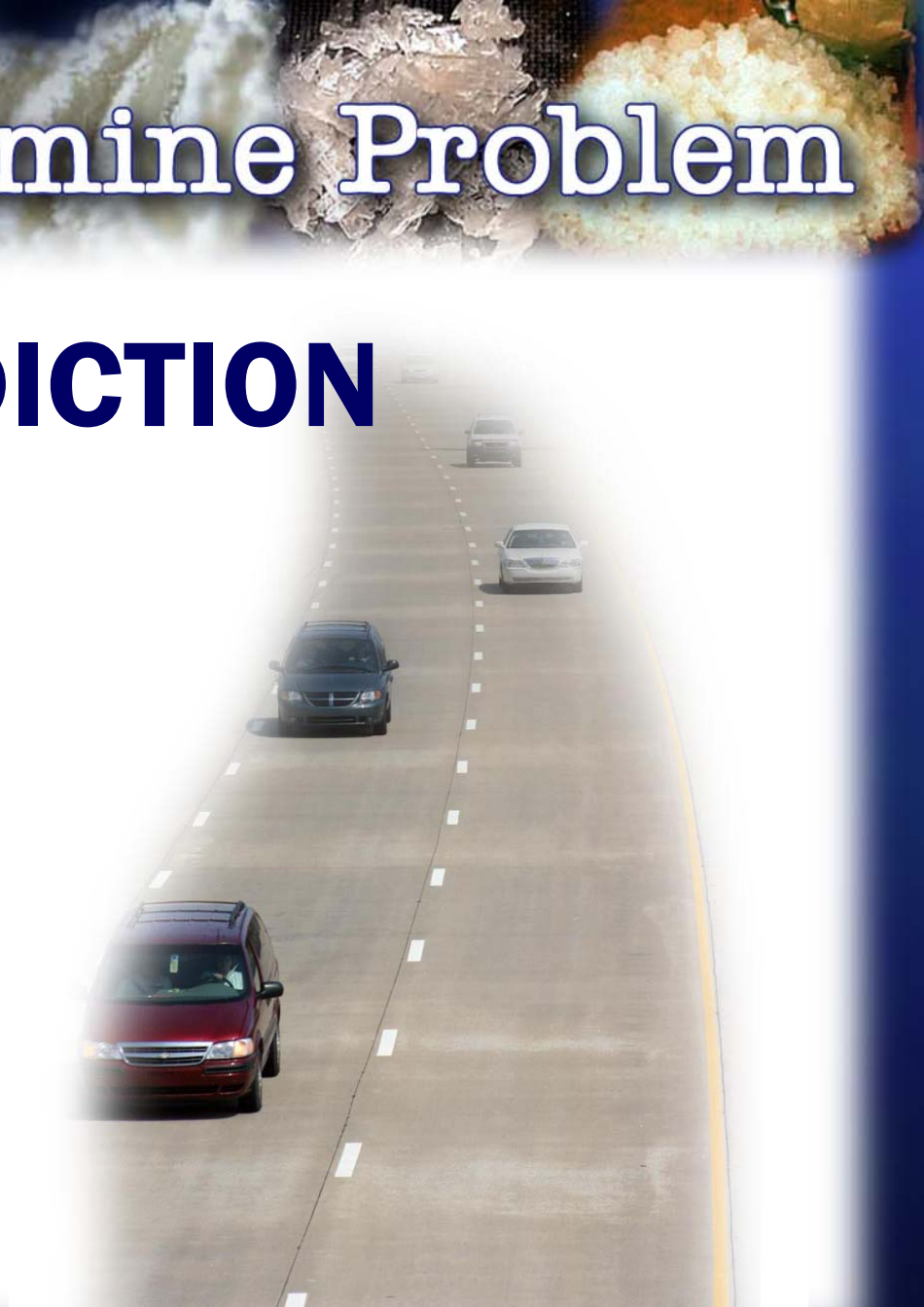


80% of Meth in Kansas is brought in

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INTERDICTION

**Large quantities of Meth is
produced in Mexico
smuggled into California
and distributed nationwide**



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**Super Labs are capable of producing
up to 10 pounds of meth per day**

**298 super labs
were seized and
reported in 2001**



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INTERDICTION

Traffickers have established networks to smuggle large quantities of pseudoephedrine tablets to California

Tablets are then sold on the black market to other states

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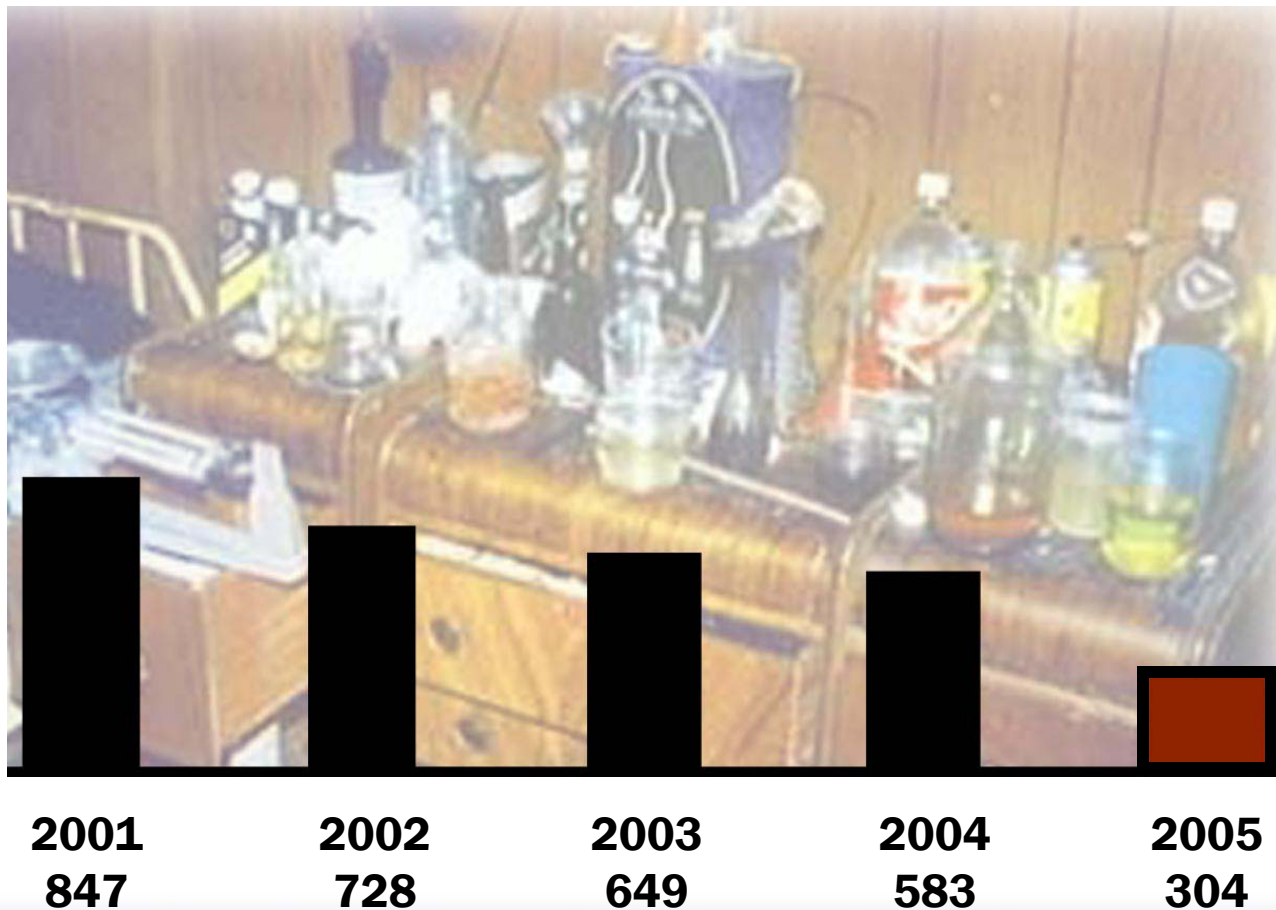
Independent cooks purchase ingredients from retail and convenience stores

The meth is usually for personal use or limited distribution



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Meth Lab Seizures



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**Most “Mom & Pop” Labs are located
in residential areas**

**Lab sites are often
booby trapped by
paranoid meth
users**





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Task Force Involvement

**Three Kansas Highway Patrol troopers are
assigned to the DEA Task Force**



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Task Force Involvement

In 2002

**36.1 % of Federally-sentenced
defendants were convicted
of drug offences**

Of those, 40% involved Meth

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**Criminal Interdiction
training is provided through
“Operation Pipeline”**

**Troopers are
trained to look
beyond the stop**





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Governor Sebelius' Kansas Task Force on Methamphetamine

- **Formed in December 2004**
- **Brings together local, state and federal authorities to fight meth use and production in Kansas**

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Governor Sebelius' Kansas Task Force on Methamphetamine

**The Task force was asked to look at
Legislation designed to fight meth use
and production**





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Kansas Legislative Initiatives

**Sheriff Matt Samuels Chemical
Control Act**

Became effective on 4/21/05



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Sheriff Matt Samuels was shot to death on 1/19/05 while serving a search warrant at a home with a suspected meth lab

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Colonel Seck and KBI Director Welch learned of Samuels' death just minutes after testifying on the Chemical Control Act



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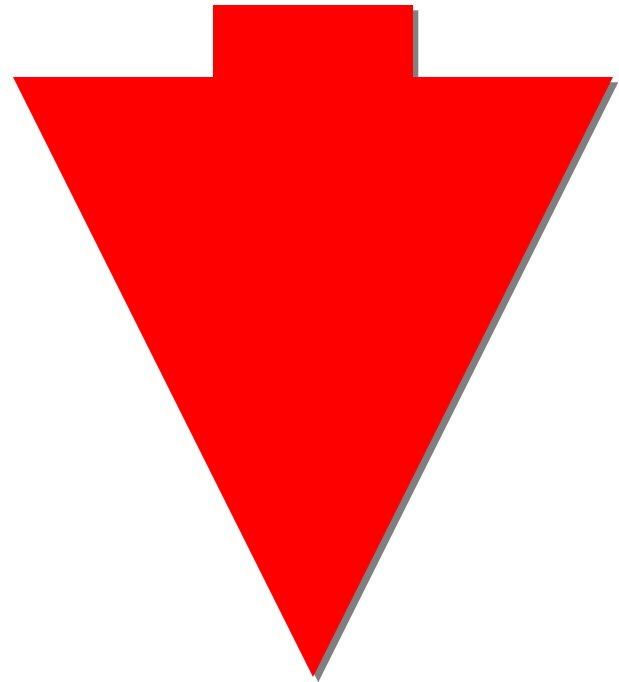
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- **Only pharmacies are allowed to sell tablets containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine**
- **It is unlawful for more than three packages to be purchased within a 7 day period**

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**The KBI reported 64.5%
fewer meth lab seizures in the
four months following
enactment of the law**



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Kansas Legislative Initiatives

- **Close loopholes in ephedrine purchase laws**
- **Add gel caps and liquids**
- **Create a Prescription Monitoring Program**



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Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)

- **Track potential “smurfing”**
- **Allow medical professionals to monitor prescription drug abuse**



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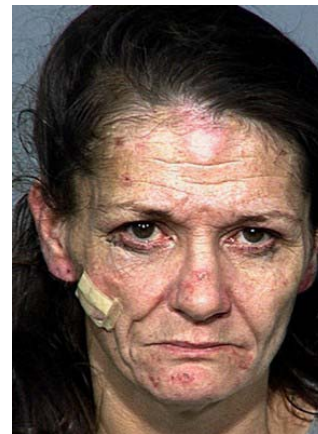
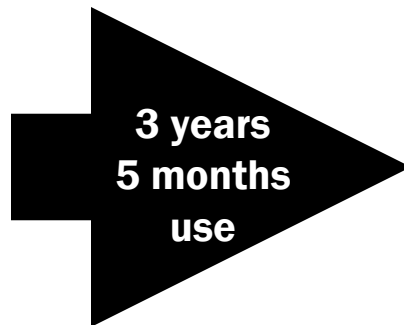
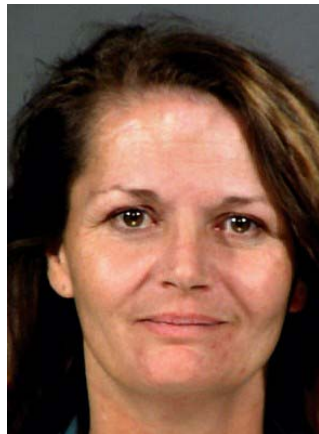
Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)

- **The National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws is drafting a PMP that would include pseudoephedrine**
- **States need to be more uniform when enacting drug laws**

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Challenges

- There is no pharmacological treatment for dependence on amphetamines
- Meth addicts are difficult to get into treatment





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Challenges

- **1,997 people entered state-funded meth treatment programs in 2005**
- **66 pregnant women were treated for meth**
- **13% of people seeking substance abuse treatment abuse meth**
- **56% seeking treatment were 29 or younger**



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Challenges

Hays Methamphetamine Treatment Program

- **139 clients have participated**
- **Over 81% have abstained from using meth**
- **Key program components include**
 - **Random drug testing**
 - **Intensive surveillance**
 - **Aftercare follow-up**



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Challenges

- **Drug courts combine intensive rehab with legal requirements to complete treatment**
- **Early statistics show a 70% success rate and significant decreases in relapse**

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Education

- Meth Watch Program and signs for retailers



- Tamper Tags for anhydrous ammonia tanks

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Education

Life of Meth: What's the Cost?

- An educational program for 5th & 6th grade students
- Program includes information about the effects of meth and decision-making exercises





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Education

Nearly 13,500 people have been trained to prevent meth in their communities

- **Effects of meth on the user, society and environment**
- **Signs of use**
- **Signs a child is living with an addict**
- **How to spot and report meth labs**

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Conclusion

- Interstate and agency cooperation is necessary
- Uniformity in Legislation is needed
- Treatment is a critical issue

